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## Green Plans Business Era for Mich.

New State Executive Invites Aid of Legislature In First Message

### Outlines Plan at Joint Session

Cement Plant, Grand Trunk, and Other Matters to Come Up Later

A business administration in keeping with his primary promises, honest conduct of state affairs, genuine service by every state employee, decent treatment of all legitimate business enterprises, is the thread that runs through every recommendation made by Governor Fred W. Green in his first message to the Michigan legislature, which was read personally by the governor before a joint session of the senate and the house Thursday noon. (January 6, 1927).

It is an extremely difficult thing to write a message from the outside looking in, so I am going to refrain from discussing many things that are of great interest to Michigan until my viewpoint is improved.

It is not possible for me at this time to give you the state's financial condition. I am having an audit made of the books and an inventory of the property. When these are completed, I will give them to you and to the public. I do know that the highway department has pledged its revenues in advance; that the state is not paving its roads; that Jackson prison owes the general fund nearly a million and a half dollars; the taxes have been levied and money raised for specific appropriations and then spent for other purposes. There are many disturbing rumors in regard to the state's financial condition which will only be quieted by an independent audit such as is now underway.

In the future there will be regular reports of receipts and expenditures that will reveal the state's true financial condition. In this connection a statute punting the juggling of funds in public reports might well be adopted.

Many departments and institutions have failed in recent years to make reports. This will be corrected. I do not believe expensive books with more or less beautiful pictures of officers should be issued, but short concise, accurate reports are necessary for the information of the public.

At the last election the people refused an increase of pay for members of the Legislature, although the compensation is notoriously inadequate. This vote seems to indicate that the

people are not satisfied with the service of our law-making bodies.

How, then, can we better this service? One of the outstanding things that must be done is the curtailment of the activities of lobbyists. One of their vicious practices is to give members bills that appear to be meritless, but which affect some monied interest adversely. When the bill has been announced as sure of passage, or if it is passed by one house, the lobbyist waits upon the interest affected by the bill and for a consideration offers to see that it is killed. This form of extortion is known by the public generally and brings not only the Legislature but the whole state government into disrepute. You can stamp this thing out. I will help. If some of the notorious lobbyists of the past put in an appearance at this term of the Legislature, I will call your attention to them by name. In this connection permit me to mention for consideration the New York law licensing lobbyists.

One of the handicaps under which labor is the fact that so few business men and others come to Lansing and inform you on the subjects in which they are interested. They send said representatives who are actuated solely by a desire to make a showing for their employers. These representatives hang about the Legislature meddle in things in which they have no personal interest, and generally create an unwholesome atmosphere.

You are anxious for accurate information, and I hope you will be visited by representative farmers, laboring men, women, industrial leaders and other groups, who could render valuable service by giving first hand information on the subjects on which they are authority. The Legislature would not intentionally injure my lawful business. Nothing is better for our government than to have business men take a genuine interest in legislative matters and come in person when they are interested in pending legislation. Nothing is more subversive of good government than a paid lobbyist. There is no substitute in government for the keen interest of good citizens.

This Legislature could easily become the outstanding Legislature of the United States with every member going home proud of the achievement and an acknowledged place in the history of Michigan, if you would proceed to your work on the theory that we need no more laws. Many legislatures have passed into immediate oblivion because of the quantity of their production. You could become famous if you insisted on quality.

Every student of our form of government will tell you that we are, as a country, suffering from too much law. Refuse to legislate on any subjects except those that history and experience have shown can profitably be the subject of law. Don't make laws against acts that are not of themselves immoral; do not pass laws that have little public sentiment back of them.

Since the state highway department was made dependent upon the administrative board in financial matters, it has been dropped squarely into the lap of politics with direful results. Contracts have been let to pet contractors who did not even bid on the job, costs have been excessive, reports have been sent out that were not accurate, contractors have been obliged to wait for their money, revenue have been pledged long in advance of their receipt, promises of aids have been made for political reasons, and now there are quieting rumors regarding the quality of the cement used on some roads.

This department is a shining example of what we can do in the destruction of efficiency. These conditions will be rectified. I advocate a comprehensive plan covering the construction of roads for a term of years, laid out by engineers in accordance with our economic necessities. Hard surfaced roads are so necessary and so expensive that the road dollar must give a full one hundred cents of value. It is not doing that now.

The administrative Board Act has failed and should be amended because it places too much power in the hands of the governor. The provision that made it necessary for the governor to sign all proceedings before they became legal made dummies of the other members of the board. These soon lost interest in the board's actions and it became a one-man affair. Give the members of the board

to by a substantial majority and this board will operate like the board of directors in a business corporation as the leg-lators originally intended.

The state's books and auditing will be returned to the auditor general but a statute to that effect will not be necessary. However, one may be necessary later to keep them there.

Members of the late governor's law firm and state officers have been appearing as attorneys before state boards and state officers. This practice commercializes political influence. It has been carried on before the security and parole officials, greatly impeding just and honest action.

I respectfully urge a statute stopping it. A state officer recently received a ridiculously large sum of money for acting as receiver. This is merely a form of political graft and

### Tobogganing



should also be forbidden by law. No state can boast of a better educational system than ours. The people are justly proud of it and vote tremendous sums of money for its support. No step backward will ever be taken, but in these days of heavy taxes every effort should be made to cut down expenses; especially if you can increase efficiency.

We have separate boards over our

normals, the Michigan State College,

the University, the College of Mines,

While they are all a part of one sys-

tem, there is no unified control. Their

activities are limited only by the

amount of money given them by the

state. Each is now working along its

own line, independent of the others,

and there is a great deal of duplica-

tion. We could improve our educa-

tional system materially, making it

more efficient, cut large sums from

the necessary appropriation if we put

these institutions under a single

board elected by the people. I would

also put the selection of the superin-

intendent of public instruction into the

hands of this board, removing this

office from politics. Thus you co-

ordinate the secondary school system

of the state with the higher educa-

tional institutions.

Some of our state institutions are

in need of repairs and new buildings,

but with the limited information at

my command I can make but few

recommendations regarding them.

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dations regarding our educational

system.

The Soldiers' Home at Grand Rap-

ids is in disgraceful physical condi-

tion and should have immediate atten-

tion.

There is necessity for the amend-

ment of our mining laws. The recent

Peninsula brings up the question of

state inspection very forcibly to our

attention. I believe there should be

a state mining inspector connected

with the department of labor and in-

dustry, with provision for state

supervision and regulation. It might

be well if the county inspectors were

selected by the board of supervisors

for the county in which the mine to be

inspected is located. Inspection and

regulation should include all mines.

The state tuberculosis sanitarium at Howell has been neglected until

today its physical condition is a dis-

grace to the state. This is a worth-

while institution in which the state

has a large investment.

All our prisons are congested and

there will be no relief until the new

Jackson prison has been completed.

When it is ready I shall urge that

first offenders be kept in a prison by

themselves, protected from the con-

taminating influence of the hardened

criminal. Crime is on the increase and

as it will be considerably harder for

prisoners to secure their release in

the next few years, we may need an

additional prison space.

The inmates of our various prisons

are well fed, clothed, housed and en-

tertained, but the expense is very

high to the taxpayer. Some of the

inmates are engaged in productive

industry, some are engaged in road

building, some in farming, but a large

proportion are kept in idleness. In a

prison population of 5,336 there are

1,543 who are not working. Free

labor is justly complaining of prison

competition. This is largely because

prison products have been sold at

prices much below the market.

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part and individuals have been made

to feel their displeasure. Together

with other departments, they have

been made part of a political machine.

The tax problem is bound up with

the whole unfortunate condition of

the state's finances. Lightening the

burden of the direct property tax

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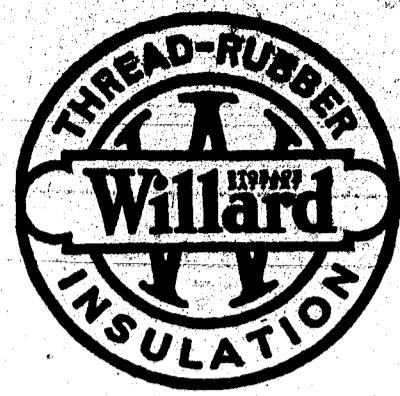
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### LOCAL NEWS

R. E. Goslow ate New Year's dinner in Mt. Pleasant, as a guest of friends.

Children's jersey fleece lined mitts, heavy weight, 18 cents at Bargain store. Frank Drees' old stand.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Olson and Mrs. Harold McNeven were in Gaylord Tuesday on business.

Our January stove sale is now on. Coal and wood stoves. Big bargains. L. J. Kraus Est.

Mrs. Wilhelm Raee of Johannesburg is spending a few days visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lars Nelson.

William Anderson, who visited over Christmas with Messrs. Chris Olsen and John Bruun, returned to Bay City last week.

Mrs. Lelah Kidston and daughter Ade and George Granger spent New Year's in Pinconning, returning Monday afternoon.

House Dresses and Bungalow Aprons, percale and gingham, 59 and 89 cents each, at The Bargain Store. Drees' old stand.

Takes advantage of our big January clearance sale, and stock up on articles that you need. Sale begins Saturday. Grayling Mercantile Co.

Mrs. Spencer Holst and little son returned to their home in Detroit Friday after spending Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles McCullough.

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Mr. and Mrs. John Yull of Vanderhill spent the week end visiting relatives here.

Mrs. Sigma Rasmussen has returned to her work at Sorenson Bros. after a week's illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Lansberg and daughter Lillian visited over New Year's in Detroit and Inkster.

Prosecuting Attorney Nellist and family made a trip by auto Sunday to Mt. Pleasant and returned the same day.

Mrs. Hans Niederer and two children returned Thursday afternoon from a week's visit in Bay City with relatives.

Misses Genevieve and Margaret Montour returned Monday from Bay City, where they spent New Year's visiting friends.

Miss Marjorie Woods of Bay City was a guest of Miss Ferne Armstrong Friday and Saturday, coming to attend the Charity Ball.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Wheeler, Sunday, January 2nd, the first baby born in the new year in Grayling.

Miss Lillian Mortenson of Flint spent New Year's day and Sunday visiting her mother, Mrs. Carrie Mortenson of Beaver Creek.

Miss Edna Taylor returned Sunday night to Detroit after spending the week end visiting her father, Oscar Taylor and brother Charles.

See the Grayling Independents in their first game of the season Friday night, Jan. 7th, at the school gymnasium. They will play Indian River.

Mrs. Willard Campbell left Friday for her home in Mt. Pleasant after spending the holidays at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hanson.

Russell Robertson returned Sunday night to M. S. C. at Lansing after spending the past two weeks visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Robertson.

Miss Ruby Stephan left Sunday night for Toledo to resume her studies at a business college there, after spending the Christmas holidays with her parents.

John Phelps who spent a couple days visiting Herman Hanson, came to attend the Charity Ball, returned to his home in Ortonville Saturday afternoon.

Miss Marie Schmidt, accompanied by her brother Frank on his return to Detroit Sunday night to spend a few days. The latter had spent the holidays in Grayling.

Claude Bisonette returned Sunday night to Saginaw where he attends St. Vincent's school, after spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Hattie Bisonette.

After spending three weeks at the home of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. James W. Sorenson, Miss Elsie Erickson returned Thursday afternoon to Grand Rapids.

Mrs. William Green and three children returned Thursday from Detroit where they spent Christmas with Mr. Green and the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Cook.

Mrs. Herluf Sorenson and daughter Elsa Mae returned Friday from several weeks spent in Cadillac having been called there by the illness of Mrs. Sorenson's mother.

Read our ad on another page of this paper and note the many bargains in ready-to-wear and dry goods to go during our January clearance sale. Grayling Mercantile Co.

The Women's Auxiliary of the American Legion will meet at the Legion hall on Friday evening, January 14th. All members or those wishing to join, please be present.

Miss Rae Joseph and brother Samuel Joseph of Detroit have been spending the holidays visiting their brother, A. J. Joseph and family. Samuel returning Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Torkild Boesen entertained the Danish Ladies Aid at her home last Thursday afternoon. Instead of regular business meeting the ladies enjoyed a Christmas program.

Mrs. Vella Hermann returned to her studies at Michigan State Normal in Ypsilanti Sunday night after spending two weeks visiting her mother, Mrs. A. Hermann and family.

In reporting the accident of little Jack Hull last week we were in error when we said it was the George Corwin truck that struck him. Instead it was the truck driven by Vern Smith.

From indications the American Legion masked ball this year is going to be a very fine affair. Plan your costume now so as to be ready for the biggest party of the season. The date is Feb. 2nd.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Chappell and son Roy returned Sunday night to their home in Caro after spending Christmas with relatives here. Roy was carrying his arm in a sling as the result of an auto accident.

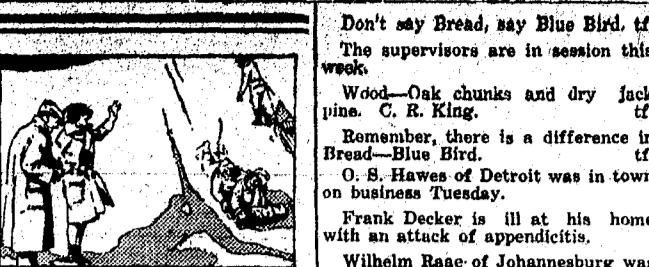
The Danish Sunday school held their Christmas tree at Danebod hall Monday evening of last week. After a short program, gifts and candy were distributed and a delicious lunch was served in the dining room.

Mr. and Mrs. David White left Monday to spend a couple of weeks visiting in Detroit and Flint with the latter's sons and daughters, Isaac and Leo Gendron, who had been visiting at the White home, returned to Flint the same day.

Tuesday afternoon a cross dog, owned by Paul Lovelly, bit Clinton McNeven on the arm near the shoulder, cutting a small gash. Clinton had been carrying a Bay City daily to the house for several months. The dog was taken care of later by Sheriff Bobenhorst.

On account of the illness of little Buster Jorgenson at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. John Stephan, his mother, Mrs. Helen Jorgenson was called home Tuesday. She had been visiting friends in Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. William Hanson and cousin Walter Hanson. Buster was improved at last report.

C. J. McNamara was unable to be in his place at the Mac & Gidley drug store the fore part of the week, being confined to his home by illness. Fred Alexander has been assisting at the store during this time. Also, it has been necessary for James McNeven to take a vacation for a few days from his duties at the Salling Hanson Co. hardware, by reason of illness.



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Miss Mabel Shippy visited friends in Gaylord over New Year's.

School was resumed this morning following the two weeks holiday vacation with teachers and pupils back in their places.

Miss Beulah Collen returned Saturday afternoon to Detroit after having spent the holidays visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfonzo Collen.

Mrs. Jesse Sales returned Friday afternoon to her home in Detroit after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lars Nelson.

John Brewster left Sunday night for his home in Owosso after spending a couple days visiting friends, having come to play with Schramm's Ramblers for the Charity Ball.

Misses Erma and Edith Sojholm of Lewiston are guests this week of their former schoolmate and friend, Mrs. George Dekette. Miss Erma is a graduate of Grayling high school.

John Baird hated to lose his job as director of the state department of Conservation, but he was big enough to invite his successor to come into the department until the legislature could approve his appointment where he (Baird) would assist him in getting started in the work by giving him all the information and pointers he could. That proves that he has more interest in the welfare of the state than just to draw his pay.

County Clerk Charles Gierke had a narrow escape last Friday while coasting on Barker hill when the toboggan, upon which he was riding, jumped the track and he went sailing through a jungle of underbrush and tree branches until he was stopped by a pine tree into which the toboggan crashed. He slightly sprained one wrist and bruised the other, and is otherwise considerably bruised up over the mishap, but is getting over the injuries very nicely.

At the supervisors' meeting this week, the question of retaining a county agent came up on Wednesday afternoon. Considerable interest was shown and several organizations and business places had their representatives there. The general feeling prevalent seemed to be that should Crawford county dispense with a county agent, it would show retrogression instead of progression. It will be gratifying to a large majority if the appropriation retaining that office is made.

It was a jolly crowd clad in many coats, caps and mittens that started for the reservation hill from the Michelson Memorial church after choir rehearsal Wednesday evening. Two toboggans and one car carried the load, and it was a tie whether the ride to the lake on a toboggan or the ride down the hill after reaching it, was the most enjoyed. Upon the return to town, the young folks went to the church kitchen where steaming, hot coco and sandwiches awaited them. Several similar parties are being planned by the choir members for the winter months.

Complimentary to the members and their wives, Grayling American Legion Post 106 gave a chicken dinner at their hall Monday evening. Thirty-seven sat down to the delicious spread that had been prepared by Mrs. Joseph McLeod and served by some of the members. Cards were enjoyed after dinner, prizes being awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Leo Jorgenson, Carl Nelson and Mrs. L. J. Martin.

The guests also enjoyed listening to a number of selections broadcast over a Kolster radio, installed temporarily for the evening, through the courtesy of Frank Tetu. In all it was a most enjoyable affair.

All ladies eligible for membership in the Woman's Auxiliary of the American Legion are urged to attend the meeting Friday evening, January 13th at hall. Already a number of members have been secured, but there are still others who probably wish to join. Mothers, sisters, wives and daughters of members of the American Legion are eligible for membership.

Miss Bessie Brown, who had been spending the holidays in Lapeer, a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Trudo, returned home Monday afternoon. Sunday Miss Brown accompanied by Henry Trudo, started for Grayling by auto, but met with an accident between Bay City and Saginaw. Luckily neither were injured, although the Trudo car was badly damaged.

Charles Gierke assumed his duties as county clerk Tuesday. The first big job before him was to record the minutes of the board of supervisors.

On top of that the usual number of office matters came up for attention, and next week will be circuit court week. With everything strange to him, he was certainly some busy, but stood the motor trip home, well.

Mr. and Mrs. Torkild Boesen entertained the Danish young people and a number of older people at their home Tuesday evening at a Christmas party. Rev. Kjolhede read a story and Christmas songs were sung, after which the hostess served a delicious lunch. The remainder of the evening was spent socially.

We wish to call your attention to a new and valuable feature we are adding to our paper—the "Do You Know?" column. These questions and answers will be expressed in a clear, concise, compact and helpful manner, that will both entertain and instruct, will embrace the fundamentals of a liberal education. Read them each week in the Avalanche.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Barber are entertainers at a watch party.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Howse of Gaylord and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Woodburn in Maple Forest.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Corsaut spent the weekend visiting relatives in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Preston returned to their home in Flint after spending Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Craven.

Mr. Allen Lancaster of Flint was the guest of Miss Esther Barber over Christmas.

Mr. Elmer Fenton of Grayling was the guest of Miss Evelyn Barber at Christmas dinner. On Monday they left for Mt. Pleasant to visit Mr. Fenton's mother, returning Sunday morning.

Mr. Robert Leng passed away at the home of Mr. Albert Lewis Monday, January 3, after a long illness.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Burkhardt and family of Traverse City were in town Saturday shaking hands with old friends.

Miss Esther Barber returned Sunday after a few days vacation at Grayling, visiting at the home of her brother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Barber.

Max Tobin has returned to Mt. Pleasant where he is attending normal school after a holiday vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Tobin.

The Ladies Aid met at the schoolhouse Wednesday afternoon with an unusually large attendance. A fine supper was served and enjoyed by all.

We are glad to see Mrs. Rowe improving. She is now able to have her arm out of the sling.

Lovells News

Mrs. Clarence Stillwagon is away visiting.

Clifton Anstey motored from Ashley to spend New Year's with Miss Cora Nephew.

John Heric was in Lovells last week.

George Burpee has moved his family a couple miles from Lovells.

Francis Nephew and Vernon Henry drove to Mt. Pleasant.

Harry Hunt of Red Oak was a caller here Saturday.

Mrs. J. B. Miller has been ill at her home.

Mike McCormick's children have been ill the last few days.

The Pedro club was entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Stillwagon. First prizes were won by Mrs. J. Shoff and Charles Papenfus and consolation prizes by Bill Hubert and Jack Caid.

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## CHAPTER XVIII

## Cap and Gown

The fifteen dollars, after all, were disposed of in a highly satisfactory manner. They paid for Lydia's cap and gown. Perhaps there were other members of the class to whom their senior insignia meant as much as they did to Lydia, but that is to be doubted.

In a way, Lydia's conscience smote her. She knew that her father was worrying over her attitude on her inheritance, but she continued to avoid the issue with him while the estate was being settled. Lydia was doing heavy work in college. She actually had entered all the classes in dairying work, while carrying her other college work. And she enjoyed the new work amazingly.

Early in December, the settlement of the Levine estate was completed. John's method of "shoestringing" his property was disastrous as far as the size of Lydia's heritage went. As nearly as she could understand, one portion of the estate was used to pay up the indebtedness of another portion, until all that was left was the cottage, with a mortgage on it, and three hundred and twenty acres of land on the reservation.

"Oh, daddy!" cried Lydia, "we can't take it! Don't you see we can't?"

"I can't understand why you act so like a fool," began Amos, querulously. "And I can't see why you set your judgment up as better than mine. I swear—ever your mother never did that, except on borrowing money. We won't keep the land. We'll sell it and have the money to clear up the mortgage on the cottage." He took a turn up and down the room. "I can't see what's happened to children now days. In my day we obeyed. Lydia, I'm not going to discuss this any longer. You've got to take that land."

Lydia sat with her thin hands clasped before her on the table, her clear eyes fastened on her father's face.

Amos looked down at his daughter grimly. "Can't you see what a fool you are!" he shouted. "The land can never go back to the Indians. John took good care of that. If you don't take it, somebody else will. Can't you see!"

"I'll do anything you want but this, dad," she said.

"But this is all I want. It's what I've wanted for years, this little bit of land. And you haven't any idea what that feeling is."

Like a flash Lydia saw again long aisles of pines, smelled again the odor of the needles, heard again the murmuring call of the wind.

"Good God!" cried Amos, tossing his pipe on the table, "poverty's hounded me all my life—poverty and death. The only two people who cared about me, Patience and Levine're gone. Yet here's the chance for me to make up for the failure I've made of life. A man with a little piece of property like this and a little bank account is somebody in the community. What do I care how I get it, as long's I can hold it? What's a lot of dirty Indians to stand between me and my future? But what do you care?"

"O daddy! O daddy! How can you talk so to me!" groaned Lydia. She put her hands over her eyes for a moment, swallowed a sob and then started for the outer door. She caught her coat from the nail and closed the door behind her.

An irresistible impulse had carried her from the house. She wanted to see Billy. It was still early and a lantern flickered in the Norton barnyard. She ran across to the shed door. Billy was whistling to himself as he began to bed down the cattle for the night. Lydia looked at him eagerly in the dim light. "How big and strong he was!"

"Billy!" she said, softly. The young man dropped his pitchfork and came toward her. "What's the matter, Lydia?" he exclaimed.

"Dad and I've been having an awful quarrel."

"About the land?" asked Billy quickly.

Lydia nodded. "Oh, I don't know what to do!" And then, not having meant to do so at all, she suddenly began to cry.

"Why can't they let you alone, d—n 'em!" exclaimed Billy, furiously. "Come away from that cold doorway, dear!" And he led her into the warm stable and over to a harness box.

"There," pulling her down beside him on the box, and patting her arm about her, "don't cry, Lydia. I can't stand it. I'm liable to go over and say things to your father and Kent. I'll tell 'em both, some time, what I think of their bullying you this way."

A vague, warm sense of comfort and protection was settling Lydia's trembling. She rose and looked up into his face gratefully. "I don't see why you're so good to me," she said.

"Do you want me to tell you?" began the young man eagerly.

"Not No!" Lydia began to move slowly toward the door. "Don't come home with me, Billy. I'll just run back alone."

Billy's face in the lantern light was inscrutable. "I'll obey tonight, Lydia," he said, "but the time's coming, when I'll be picked up the pitchfork he had dropped."

With the words of comfort and pro-

tection surrounding her, Lydia went homeward under the winter stars. Kent's automobile was standing before the gate and Lydia's heart sank. It was the first time in her life she ever had been sorry at the thought of seeing Kent.

He was sitting before the base burner with her father and jumped up to help her take her coat off. He greeted her soberly.

"Your father's been telling me about your discussion, Lydia," he said. "You can't mean to stick by your decision!"

Lydia sat down wearily. "Oh, Kent, don't you begin at me, too!"

"Now, look here, Lydia," began Kent. "Let's begin at the beginning and sift this thing out," and once more he began his arguments on the Indian question.

"Don't you see?" he ended finally.

"I see how you feel, yes," replied Lydia. "But just because you can list what you call average American business deals that are crooked, you aren't justified in being crooked, are you?"

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and I guess it's too late for me to begin over, anyhow. I'll plod along as I always have."

"Oh, daddy!" cried Lydia, "don't talk that way! You aren't a bit old. You make me feel like a beast, between you."

"Well, we don't mean to," Amos went on, "but I guess we have been pretty hard on you."

Amos' weariness and gentleness moved Lydia as no threats could. Was she selfish? Was she putting her own desire for an easy conscience ahead of her father's happiness? Amos went into the kitchen for a drink and Kent followed her to the window and took both her hands.

"Lydia," he said. "I'm awful sorry to press you so, but you're being unfair and foolish, honestly you are. You used to let me look out for you in the old days—the old days when I used to pull little Patience's carriage with my bicycle—why can't you trust me now? Come, dearest—and next year we'll be married and live happy ever after."

"Kent!" she cried with the breathlessness of a new idea. "If I should give in and agree to take the land, would you go up there with me and turn it into a farm?"

Kent smiled at her pityingly. "Why, Lydia, there's nothing in that! Why should we try to farm it? The money is in speculating with it. I could clear up a mint of money for you in a couple of years, if you'll give me the handling of it."

But Lydia's eyes were shining now. "Oh, but listen! You don't understand. Mr. Levine drove the Indians out, by fraud and murder. Yes, he did, Kent. And yet, he had big dreams about it. He must have had. He was that kind of a man. And if we should go up there and turn those acres into a great farm, and—make it stand for something big and right—perhaps that would make up for everything!"

"Lydia," said Kent, "be sensible. Gee, easy money on one side, and a lifetime of hard work on the other! Yet you act as if there was a choice."

"Kent, can't you understand how I feel?" pleaded Lydia. "Have you got a blind spot in your mind? Where money is concerned? Are all the men in America money crazy like the men in Lake City?"

"Sure," replied Kent cheerfully. "Come away from that cold doorway, dear!" And he led her into the warm stable and over to a harness box.

"There," pulling her down beside him on the box, and patting her arm about her, "don't cry, Lydia. I can't stand it. I'm liable to go over and say things to your father and Kent. I'll tell 'em both, some time, what I think of their bullying you this way."

A vague, warm sense of comfort and protection was settling Lydia's trembling. She rose and looked up into his face gratefully. "I don't see why you're so good to me," she said.

"Do you want me to tell you?" began the young man eagerly.

"Not No!" Lydia began to move slowly toward the door. "Don't come home with me, Billy. I'll just run back alone."

Billy's face in the lantern light was inscrutable. "I'll obey tonight, Lydia," he said, "but the time's coming, when I'll be picked up the pitchfork he had dropped."

With the words of comfort and pro-

tection surrounding her, Lydia went homeward under the winter stars. Kent's automobile was standing before the gate and Lydia's heart sank.

It was the first time in her life she ever had been sorry at the thought of seeing Kent.

He was sitting before the base burner with her father and jumped up to help her take her coat off. He greeted her soberly.

"Your father's been telling me about your discussion, Lydia," he said. "You can't mean to stick by your decision!"

Lydia sat down wearily. "Oh, Kent, don't you begin at me, too!"

"Now, look here, Lydia," began Kent. "Let's begin at the beginning and sift this thing out," and once more he began his arguments on the Indian question.

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## Michigan Happenings

Construction of the new \$250,000 armory and field house at Michigan State college, far from being halted by cold weather and frozen ground, is being rushed with all possible speed, and it seems certain that the new building will be completed by May 13, the date set for its dedication. The new armory will be 280 feet in length, 220 feet of this will be occupied by the riding hall with timber covering. The hall has a seating capacity of 6,800 and can be used for campus gatherings and farmers' week assemblies.

Commercial cutting of Christmas trees, with the accompanying vandalism and thefts, would be prevented under the terms of a bill which former Senator William Connally of Spring Lake, has drafted for introduction at the next session of the State Legislature. The bill would require municipalities to furnish trees at a price not exceeding the cost of delivery. Connally proposes that townships, villages, and cities shall be required to cultivate evergreen trees to offset the cutting, which now takes place.

The State Administrative Board held its final meeting under the Groesbeck Administration. The acceptance of a report representing the state-owned cement plant at Chelsea to be in sound financial condition was one of the important items of the last session. A member of the State Prison Commission, submitted a statement placing the surplus of the industry at \$973,073. The report stated the plant made an operating profit from Oct. 1, 1924, to Nov. 30, 1926, of \$330,363. Total assets were given as \$1,926,502.

The case against George E. Carr, of Owosso, Grand Dragon of the Ku Klux Klan, of Michigan, charged with violation of the state anti-masking law, was dismissed in Justice court recently. The case was tried several weeks ago and the jury disagreed.

Lydia did not reply for some time. They were nearing the cottage, and she could see the pine, black against the afterglow, when she said:

"Well, I'm not keeping my own self-respect and yet I'm glad I'm making dad and Kent happy."

They paused by the gate. Billy looked down at Lydia with a puzzled frown.

"How about 'Ductus Amoris Patriae' now, Lydia?" he asked.

"Oh, I don't know," she sighed. "Good night, Billy."

"Good-bye, Lydia," said the young man heavily and he turned away, leaving her standing at the gate.

Lydia went over and over that conversation that night feverishly before she went to sleep. She tossed and turned and then, long after the old living-room clock had struck midnight, she slipped out of bed and crouched on her knees, her hands clasped across her pillow, her eyes on the quiet stars that glowed through the window.

"O God," she prayed, "O God, if you do exist, help me now! Don't let me lose Billy's respect, for I don't know how I can get along without it. God! God! Make me believe in You, for I must have Some One to turn to! You have taken mother and little Patience and John Levine from me! Oh, let me keep Billy! Let me keep him, God, and make me strong enough to keep on accepting that three hundred and twenty acres. Amen."

Shivering, but somehow quieted, she crept into bed and fell asleep.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

### Surprising Finds Made in Australian Caves

Astonishing finds have been made in the Wellington (Australia) caves, which include fossil remains which have been identified as those of the marsupial lion, an animal which combined the pouch of the kangaroo with the general characteristics of the African lion. Few specimens of the remains of this marsupial have been found in recent years. It has been described as one of the fiercest and most destructive of predatory beasts known to naturalists. Other new discoveries in these stalagmite caves have been classified as those of the diprotodon, an animal of the kangaroo type, but immensely greater in bulk than a full-grown rhinoceros. The fossils indicate an animal with an enormous head and a thick, strong neck, extremely large, chisel-shaped teeth and well-marked fingers and toes. The foot structure shows that these animals or their immediate ancestors were tree-climbers, the big toe being especially large and curved.

Approval of the purchase of the double two-story brick block on Main street owned jointly by the Cork Hardware Co. and the Odd Fellows Lodge, and seriously damaged the building, adjoining on the north, occupied by a garage and the Mitchell store with damages estimated at \$75,000. The Sandusky fire department aided in getting the fire under control.

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Ice Cream is not a luxury, but a very good and healthful food. It is as good in winter as in the hottest summer months.

We have five specialties you ought to try: Bitter Sweet, the best we ever tried; Chocolate Flavor, our own make; Orangeade and Lemonade, made on the Sunkist Extractor; Malted Milk, Double Malted. Our sales are increasing; it must be good. Hot Chocolate made in our Lacy hot cup, quick and good.



## Farm Bureau Notes

R. D. Bailey, Co. Agricultural Agent



"There grow in Nature's garden the plants with which the farmer can restore his sick, worn-out soils." —Wm. C. Smith, Indiana, author of the book, "How to Grow 100 Bushels of Corn on Worn Soil."

### Letter from a Neighbor

As is known to many, the soil on the George Annis farm in Beaver Creek township produces extra good crops, although the farm has been used a good many years. In the same school district are lands that were originally as good as the Annis farm, but which are now in a pitiful condition on account of the way they have been handled.

Mr. Annis has always been a good hand to feed his soil, by plowing stuff under, and by not over-cropping it.

Some know that he plowed down last fall, a fine growth of sweet clover that would have made beautiful hay. Some would have begrimed this to the soil; but, the writer feels sure that crops yet to grow where the sweet clover was plowed down will amply repay the sacrifice of the hay.

One year will not tell all the story. Believing that it would prove of interest to many farmers, we have asked Mr. Annis to write a letter about this sweet clover. Here is the letter:

Grayling, Mich., Jan. 1, 1927.

R. D. Bailey, County Agent,

Grayling, Michigan.

Dear Mr. Bailey:

Pursuant to your request for a few words about the sweet clover that I plowed under this fall, I will start the New Year right by writing you about it, hoping that some of my brother farmers in Crawford county will do as I did, for I feel sure that sweet clover is a good thing.

In the spring of 1925 I sowed 10 pounds of scarified, re-cleaned, white blossom sweet clover seed per acre with oats. There were 10 acres in the field. I inoculated the sweet clover seed with inoculation secured through the county agent from the agricultural college at a cost of 25 cents. A bottle of this inoculates a bushel of seed and should be used on alfalfa, clover, sweet clover or vetch.

Early in 1926 I cut a heavy crop of sweet clover hay from this field, cutting it about 8 inches high, and cutting lower cuts below the growing bud and prevents a second crop.

When the second growth was in blossom and about 30 inches high, I plowed it under. My object in plowing it under was to fertilize the soil by the rotting of the mass of tops and the big root system.

I believe that more of us farmers should plow under more green legumes to enrich the ground and to help hold moisture, as I understand that the more rotting vegetation there is in the soil the better it holds moisture. Few of us have enough stable manure, so should plow under green manure to help keep up fertility. I am, and have long been, a believer in plowing lots of stuff into the soil. The good condition of my soil and crops shows that I am right in this. This year I sowed 5 acres more of sweet clover with buckwheat for the same purpose.

I cut the hay crop with a binder. I think that this is the best way to make sweet clover hay. I expect to cut next year's sweet clover hay the same way, but will not let it get quite so tall or coarse.

The cattle eat the sweet clover hay all right and are doing well on it.

Yours respectfully,

George Annis.

We may state that we expect to see lots of sweet clover and alfalfa

## BUSINESS HEADS SEE PROSPERITY FOR '27

### Basic Conditions Are Regarded Sound, and Panic Is Held to Be Impossible.

New York.—Looking back over the dying year of 1926 and forecasting the business outlook for 1927, directors and members of the National Association of Manufacturers predict a continuance of the unprecedented prosperity of the nation.

They point to these outstanding facts:

1. Business is nearer to a cash basis than it ever has been in our history.

2. No financial panic can come—the federal reserve banking system stands as an indestructible buffer.

3. The industries are operating at a high rate of production.

4. The margin of profit has been narrowed and we are closer to a true relationship between costs and sales.

5. Competition will be stronger.

6. Credits have decreased and there is ample money at reasonable rates.

7. People generally are contented and there are gradually fewer labor disturbances.

Among individual opinions are the following:

JOHN E. EDGERTON, president National Association of Manufacturers—Government officials who know, individual economists, and private reporters all tell us our country is in the finest position we have ever known; that we have attained a new national standard of living. Recent surveys made by the National Association of Manufacturers among its members support this appraisal amply. Ninety-nine per cent of our members are planning for better business in 1927 than they had in 1926, classifying their chances variously as from excellent down to fair. Only 1 per cent takes a pessimistic view and anticipates a decline. Seventy-five per cent have increased their forces; and 89 per cent are paying higher wages this year than last year.

ELBERT H. GARY, chairman United States Steel Corporation—We are rich in resources, including cash balances in the banks. Our banking facilities have been improving year by year ever since the federal reserve was established. This is likely to continue.

Labor conditions are unusually good.

No one can be certain as to what is going to happen. But with the opportunities as outlined, there is no reason why prosperity during 1927 will be seriously interrupted. If business shall be seriously diminished during the coming year, it will be the fault of ourselves, and not the fault of natural conditions or the lack of consideration or fair treatment by the national administration.

### Non-Poisonous Alcohol Announced by Mellon

Washington—Poisons will be eliminated when denaturing alcohol under supervision of the government, Secretary Mellon announced. The new formula, however, provides an alcohol utterly unsuitable for beverage purposes. Mr. Mellon urged non-poisonous denaturing methods on the ground that more rigid prohibition enforcement would certainly result in drinkers resorting to stimulants of their own manufacture.

Washington—The percentage of wood alcohol used in denaturing industrial alcohol for twenty years, including the period of prohibition, was doubled when the revised "completely denatured alcohol formula 5" went into effect on January 1.

This revision was approved by Secretary Mellon on October 8. But the fact that the wood alcohol content required was twice that which had been used attracted little attention outside the industrial alcohol trade. Number 5 is one of two general formulas for industrial alcohol that became effective January 1. Three have been dropped. In addition to these two there will be continued what are known as "special formulas" for specific preparations.

There were more deaths from alcoholism in New York City during 1926 than in any other year since 1910, according to figures made public by Health Commissioner Harris. The year's total is placed at 724.

Figures compiled from dispatches throughout the United States indicate great increases in deaths from alcoholism and poison hooch during 1926. Some figures follow:

Philadelphia, 300; Boston, 145; Chicago, 328; St. Louis, 56; Baltimore, 71; Columbus, 8; Omaha, 10; Harrisburg, 6; Detroit, 121; Los Angeles, 80; Minneapolis, 28; Pittsburgh, 130.

Edwin A. Olson, just previous to the end of his four-year term as United States attorney for the northern Illinois district, charged in a report submitted to Washington that \$30,000,000 graft is collected annually in Cook county from booze, vice and miscellaneous crime.

### E. M. T. BODIES REPRESENTED

Both the NorthEastern Michigan Development Bureau and the East Michigan Tourist Association were represented at the meeting called by Governor Fred Green at Ionia, December 27. The meeting discussed conservation. Herman Lunden, of Gaylord and Lewiston, represented the NorthEastern Michigan Development Bureau, and Otto F. Louis, of Bay City, represented the East Michigan Tourist Association.

### FREDERIC

Lieut. Preston and wife returned home to Flint last Thursday.

George Burke of Grayling was up last Thursday.

Mrs. Alex. LaGrow, Mrs. George Burke and Mrs. B. J. Callahan were callers of Mrs. J. J. Higgins, who is improving in health.

Last Monday morning at one o'clock Robert Leng Sr. quietly passed away. Over a year ago he was taken by a stroke and had been a great sufferer ever since. Funeral services were held at the home Tuesday evening at 7:00 p. m., when the remains were taken to Banks for burial.

### E. M. T. CONTINUES TO GET INQUIRIES

The East Michigan Tourist Association continues to receive inquiries in response to its 1926 advertising. One day recently an inquiry was received from Roumania. The inquiry was elicited through an advertisement which appeared last June in a prominent literary magazine. Whether Queen Marie's visit to this country heightened the interest of the inquirer deponent saith not. Inquiries have been received during the past season from virtually every country in Europe.

### HAD BAD EYE

#### Lavoptik Helped at Once

"I had a bad eye and a friend told me to use LAVOPTIK. It helped at once." —M. A. Connally.

LAVOPTIK is a mild, soothing antiseptic which helps eye pains and inflammation surprisingly quick. Makes tired and weak eyes feel strong and fresh. Mac & Gladys, Druggists.

### Leaves Million for Aged

Sterling, Ill.—Approximately \$1,000,000 is bequeathed for funding a home for the aged of Sterling and Rock Falls, Ill., in the will of John W. Martin, former Sterling merchant.

### Big Cargo of Monkeys

New York—Five giraffes, 100 monkeys, two hyenas, two brown bears and 6,000 canaries formed a part of the cargo of the Hamburg American liner Hamburg, which docked here a few days ago.

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The Big Sale of the Year-Greater Stock-Greater Variety and far Greater Reductions than Ever Before.



## Every Overcoat

in Our Store

## Reduced in Price

Drastic Reductions on Every Coat in Stock.

\$15 O'Coats now	<b>\$10.50</b>
20 " "	<b>14.00</b>
25 and \$27.50 coats now	<b>18.50</b>
35 and \$40 coats now	<b>27.50</b>
45 and \$50 " "	<b>34.50</b>

Every Suit marked down for this Sale--Unrestricted choice at **33 1/3% Off**

Single and double breasted, in one and two pants suits. Buy NOW and SAVE.



## HOW ARE THESE FOR Hat Bargains

GREAT, you'll say when you see them. Quality plus style at prices way below regular. Come in and pick yourself out a New hat.

**\$4.00 Hats now \$2.85**  
**\$5.00 Hats now 3.85**

Men's Caps, Dress Gloves, Sweaters and Dress Shirts  
**25 per cent Off**

1 Rack Ladies' Winter Coats at  
**\$1.98 each**

Men's Sheepskins and Mackinaws, Flannel Shirts and Blazers now on sale at **25 per cent Off**

Boys' Suits and O'Coats Reduced-- **25% Off**

Men's Heavy Fleeced Union Suits, now **\$1.39**

Alpena Woolen Mills, Pants and Jumpers and Lumberjacks, **\$5.85**

Entire line of Dress and Work Pants at **25 per cent Off**

## Sheets, Cases and Sheetings

72x90 bleached Sheets	<b>98c</b>
81x90 " "	<b>98c</b>
81x90 " "	<b>\$1.29</b>
81 inch bleached and unbleached Lockwood Sheetings	<b>45c</b>
81 inch bleached Sheetings	<b>35c</b>
45 inch linen finished tubing	<b>32c</b>
42 " " " "	<b>29c</b>
45x36 inch Mohawk Cases	<b>34c</b>
45x36 cases	<b>19c</b>
Berkley 60 Cambric	<b>21c</b>
Berkley 100 Cambric	<b>27c</b>
Hope bleached cotton	<b>14c</b>
Black Rock unbleached cotton	<b>13c</b>
Velvet " "	<b>11c</b>

## Short ends of 25c Percales at

Stevens unb'd linen Toweling	<b>15c</b>
" bleached " "	<b>19c</b>
Cotton crash toweling	<b>20c</b>
Linen check glass toweling	<b>9c</b>
50c Huck toweling	<b>20c</b>
27 inch white Outing	<b>39c</b>
25c white Outing	<b>11c</b>
36 inch white Outing	<b>19c</b>
30c heavy fancy Outing, 36 in.	<b>21c</b>
36 inch challies	<b>21c</b>
All Silks at <b>25 per cent off</b>	<b>15c</b>
Best grade Percales and English prints at	<b>19c</b>
Tinker bell challies	<b>45c</b>
Fasheens	<b>39c</b>

10 per cent off on all Rubbers.

## A Wonderful Clearance of Ladies' and Misses' Coats

New Materials and Styles, Fur-trimmed, now

## 1-2 off Regular Prices

## Children's Coats for final Clearance

## 1-2 OFF

## Ladies' Silk Dresses, final Clearance

## 1-3 OFF

Ladies' Trimmed Hats, Choice **\$1.95** Values up to \$5.95

Children's Felt Hats now **98c**

Ladies' 59c Silk Hose now **39c** Ladies' and Children's Shoes go on the Clearance Sale at

Allen-A Silk Hose all new colors **88c** 20 per cent OFF

\$1.50 and \$1.65 service weight and chiffon Hose, full fashioned pure silk **\$1.39** Men's Florsheim Shoes and Oxfords **\$7.95**

\$1.00 Silk and Wool Hose **79c** Men's Dress and Work Shoes Pacs, Hunting and High Top Shoes

\$1.50 Silk and Wool Hose **\$1.19** 20 per cent OFF

Children's Black Cat Hosiery, 45 grade at **35c** Children's Black Cat Hosiery, 45 grade at **35c**

35c grade at **25c** 25c grade at **19c**

Ladies' Dress Gloves 1-4th OFF 25 per cent OFF

Blankets of all kinds at Clearance Prices 30 pair Ladies' 4-buckle Artics **\$2.49**

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## GREEN PLANS BUSINESS ERA FOR MICHIGAN

(Continued from front page) individuals, an opportunity to draft platforms and makes it possible to call for service distinguished citizens who would not infect themselves into a contest.

Conservation interests me intensely, and I shall spare no effort to make our department outstanding in the nation.

I was raised in the north country and have seen the forests disappear. I have seen hardy men move upon these denuded lands, build a little home, clear a plot of ground and then, unable to make even a living, move away and abandon it all. There has seemed little hope for the country that once supported great pine forests. However, with increased prosperity, tourists have started to come for their vacations to our north country. The Upper Peninsula is one great natural park, unsurpassed in scenery and climate. In every part of our state there are beautiful lakes and streams with some woodland, and in their charm and in our summer climate lies the possibility of making the state more prosperous. The tourists, who furnish to the state its third largest industry, are interested in the fish, the game, the forests and all outdoor life. One live deer seen by the tourists has more advertising value for Michigan than the thousands of dead bucks that come over the Straits every fall.

Game refugees are necessary. We must have more public parks, and those we already have must be developed. Michigan could do nothing finer for her boys and girls than to make it possible for them to take their vacation in these public parks and have a part in reforestation. In this connection I would like to warn against over doing the exploitation of wild areas by highway building. Michigan should follow the example of the United States government and preserve tracts of real wilderness in addition to readily accessible parks. Regions that can be entered only by the hiker or the canoeist have an appeal to the old American spirit of hardihood and woodcraft.

The taking of large tracts of land from the tax rolls for the purpose of reforestation, game refuges and public parks would create a hardship in some counties. It would seem fair that the state should pay local taxes on the assessed valuation of these tracts of land.

We are now working in conjunction with the United States Bureau of Fisheries. This bureau began a survey of all our hatcheries on January 1. They have proven conclusively that it is possible to restore fish to the streams, and we are awaiting ourselves of their wonderful store of information. There is a seemingly unlimited amount of expert knowledge and assistance in Washington that is ours for the intelligent asking.

It is our intention to establish nurseries at each hatchery so that instead of planting the fry, that has been such a lamentable failure for all these years, there will be nothing planted smaller than fingerlings. They will be planted at the headwaters of the feeder streams that will be closed to fishing. We are confident that with this changed method of planting there will be fishing for all. While the trout will be cultivated, we will not neglect the bass, the bluegill, the wall-eye and the perch. Rainbow trout will not be stripped of their spawn, hit on the head, and sold for meat. Adequate fish ladders and other means will be provided for the fish in spawning time. Pollution of streams must have our persistent attention. You will be asked to consider a measure enabling municipalities to charge for the disposal of sewage, as they now do for water service, and such a law would go a long way toward overcoming the grave economic obstacles in the way of cleansing our streams.

Michigan, nearly surrounded by the Great Lakes, has the largest interest in commercial fishing of any of the eight states that are touched by these waters. It is one of our most important industries. There is a steady decline in the supply and a united effort on the part of all the lake states and Canada should be made for improved uniform fishing laws that this industry may be preserved. The U. S. Department of Commerce is cooperating to achieve this result.

The farmer whose rights and interests have been to a large extent disregarded in the conservation movement throughout the country, is vitally concerned. The state should proceed to give him full control of his own property by the strengthening of our trespass laws. These laws must be tied up closely with our game laws, as has been successfully done in other states. It should be necessary for the hunter to get the farmer's permission to hunt upon cultivated land rather than for the farmer to be obliged to post warning signs.

By combining the best of scientific knowledge with aggressive action, Michigan can hope in the next few years to turn the balance, changing a condition of uncertainty and anxiety regarding conservation into the beginning of a new day of solid achievement and permanent betterment.

You will be asked for a statute which will permit, as part of the punishment of flagrant game law violation, a forfeiture of license and a refusal of license to hunt or fish for a certain definite period.

Punishment without education will never restore the game and fish to Michigan. The conservation department will carry out a complete campaign of education throughout the schools of the state. The very foundation of conservation is reforestation. This work has been given a splendid start and plans already laid out will be carried through.

This Legislature will receive a report from a commission that has been appointed to investigate the "law's delay" and other kindred subjects. I commend this report to you and hope you will study it carefully and make it law such of its recommendations as appeal to you. Personally, I have little hope that the legal profession will furnish adequate remedies for the disgraceful condition we now find in our criminal practice.

One of the first duties of a government is the protection of life and property. In this most primitive and fundamental function our criminal laws and court machinery have not kept pace with modern methods of organized crime. Nothing in modern American life is so weak and incompetent as our criminal courts. No business could survive their inefficiency. While crime is diminishing in every other civilized country in the world, it is increasing here.

Bar associations everywhere admit and deplore these facts, but nothing is done. We leave to them the duty of keeping their profession clean, yet there is hardly a town of any considerable size that does not contain at least one shyster lawyer. In the large cities there are many of them, and the fact of their presence is known to all the legal profession. We need some new method by which this honorable profession can be kept clean.

By making ignorance a qualification for jury service, allowing endless challenges, allowing technical objections intended solely to keep facts from being brought out, and granting new trials for inconsequential errors, we succeed in preventing justice and allow thousands of guilty men to escape. Our judges are helpless. Justice Taft says the law gives more concern and protection to criminals than to society.

It is estimated by Judge Cavanaugh of Chicago that there are 135,000 murderers at liberty in the United States. More men have been murdered in this country since 1918 than we had killed in the great World War. In London in 1924 there were 27 murders; in Paris, 59, and in New York, 332. In Cleveland in 1920 there were six times as many murderers as there were in London, which has ten times as great a population.

In Great Britain the ordinary criminal case is disposed of within a few days. As a result, in proportion to its population, Great Britain has one murderer to our 52. Crime is less frequent in England than in the days of the Puritans. This difference in the safety of human life in this country and the United Kingdom is brought about by the fact that the criminal over there knows that he is going to get an immediate trial, with no technicalities interfering with justice and that his punishment will surely follow conviction. Speedy and certain justice terrifies and deters. In this country if we succeed in sending the guilty to jail and keeping them there the performance is almost unusual.

Bar associations are splendid organizations and have made many efforts to improve conditions, but up to now they have failed and the condition under which justice is being dispensed especially in the large cities has become unbearable. We have called in business men; they have shown us the way out many times; perhaps they could help now. The Legislature might well afford to give much of its energy to making Michigan a state where life and property are safe. If you miss this opportunity because of the difficulty involved you will regret it deeply because it is the outstanding weakness in our government.

One of the problems of administration is to reduce the large number of expensive state employees. A supervising official who is employing more help than is necessary is robbing the state and should be dismissed. The people have been advised that we will turn the government at Lansing into a service station, and we must keep that promise.

There will be no Representative or Senator on the floor of either chamber authorized to speak for me. If I have any communication to make to you, either individually or collectively, I shall make it in person.

I do not want to tire you with an exhaustive discussion of too many matters. Later I want to submit a message dealing with the cement plant, the Grand Trunk Railroad deal, and the new prison.

This administration is starting out firm in the belief that we are all friends working for the common good of Michigan. I believe you are entering upon your duties with the idea of service. With this as a basis of understanding, I am anxious to work with you to the end that this may be Michigan's outstanding Legislature. An invitation to spend the summer here was formally presented to Mr. and Mrs. Coolidge by Governor Green.

Speaking of Shylocks, we are not asking the Lord to build the house, we gave a freezing, starving Europe following the Armistice.

## Local News

Miss Hazel Cassidy spent Monday and Tuesday in Saginaw.

William Mohler is home from West Branch, where he is doing some concrete work.

Mrs. Robert Reagan and daughter Elaine spent New Year's at Cheboygan.

Mrs. Jens Ellerson entertained several ladies at her home Wednesday afternoon in honor of her birthday anniversary.

Dorothy and Basil Johnson, children of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Johnson had their tonsils removed at Mercy hospital Tuesday.

Miss Evelyn Johnson returned home yesterday from Petoskey where she had been visiting her sister, Mrs. Schomberg for a few days.

Mrs. Clyde Cady, age 36 years, who was brought to Mercy Hospital a couple of days ago in a serious condition, passed away this morning.

Mrs. Eva Bala and Mr. Dan McIntyre were united in marriage last evening at the home of the former Justice O. P. Schumann tied the knot.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Olson returned Wednesday to their home in Flat Rock after spending the holidays with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nels Olson.

Mrs. Herbert Wolff of New York and daughter, Mrs. Halford Kittleman of Chicago arrived Wednesday to spend a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marius Hanson.

George Kniss and Ray Lewis stopped in Grayling Tuesday enroute to Flint after spending the holidays with their families in Sigma. While here they visited George Annis.

Mrs. Agnes Bissonette and sister, Miss Dorothy LaBrash, who are employed in Flint visited over New Year's at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul LaBrash.

Mrs. Fred Hanson entertained a number of lady friends at her home last Tuesday afternoon. The afternoon was spent visiting, after which the hostess served a delicious lunch.

The choir of the Michelson Memorial church held a toboggan party on Wednesday evening after choir practice, returning later in the evening to enjoy a delicious lunch in the church basement.

Governor Green gave his speech this noon before the State Senate and House of Representatives and it is so full of interest and sincerity that we are printing it almost in its entirety. It begins on the first page.

Bert Preston, brother of Ray Preston, and Mrs. Pearl Smith were united in marriage Wednesday of last week. They will make their home in Grayling. Mr. Preston is employed by the M. C. R. R. on this division.

New is the time boys and girls to enter the contest at the Model bakery, to try your luck at winning the Sport Model Automobile, Coaster Wagon or Kiddie Car. All you have to do is send the large bluebirds cut from the Model bread wrappers.

The L. N. L. and N. L. V. S. held their installation of officers jointly at the American Legion hall last evening. Mrs. Ferne Feldhausen acted as installing officer for the ladies organization and George A. Collier installed the officers for the N. L. V. S. After the ceremonies lunch was enjoyed.

News came today from Flint that Mrs. Frank Smith and son Casper had had a narrow escape from asphyxiation last Tuesday. They were washing in their basement when they suddenly became sick and dizzy, being almost overcome by gas fumes. Mrs. Smith with considerable effort managed to get to the phone and called for help. Mrs. Smith was formerly Mary McNeven, daughter of Archie McNeven.

To honor Mrs. Herbert Wolff of New York and Mrs. Halford Kittleman of Chicago, Mrs. Marius Hanson and daughter, Miss Hanson gave a very attractive informal tea Wednesday afternoon to a small company of ladies. The tea table was centered with a large bouquet of pink and white flowers. The hostesses were assisted by Mrs. Esbern Hanson who poured, Mrs. G. R. Keyport and Mrs. O. W. Hanson. Mrs. C. G. Clippert sang several selections which added greatly to the pleasure of the affair.

PRESIDENT AND GOVERNORS COMING?

Michigan is expected to be prominent as a summer resort state more than ever during the summer of 1927. Two contributing factors will be the meeting at Mackinac Island in the summer of the annual conference of governors, and the possible presence at Mackinac Island of the former White House of President Coolidge.

An invitation to spend the summer here was formally presented to Mr. and Mrs. Coolidge by Governor Green.

In all our work let us remember "Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it."

## HIGH SCHOOL BASKET BALL SCHEDULE

So far this season the Grayling High School Boys' Basket Ball team have played the following games:

Dec. 8—Mackinaw City at Grayling.

Dec. 10—Roscommon at Grayling.

Dec. 12—Cheboygan at Grayling.

Dec. 21—At Roscommon.

Jan. 21—At West Branch.

Jan. 28—At Gaylord.

Feb. 4—At Cheboygan.

Feb. 11—(No game scheduled).

Feb. 18—West Branch at Grayling.

Feb. 25—Gaylord at Grayling.

March 4—(No game scheduled).

Girls' Games

Dec. 10—Roscommon at Grayling.

Dec. 21—At Roscommon.

Feb. 11—At Boyne City.

Feb. 25—Boyne City at Grayling.

So far this season the Grayling boys have won one game and lost three, splitting the series with Roscommon. The girls have fared better, they winning all their games this season.

The District High School basketball tournament will be held in Grayling on March 10, 11 and 12. The home people will recall the fine tournament held last season and will be looking forward with a great deal of enthusiasm to the next one. It is expected that all the teams that played here at the last tournament will again be scheduled and there are good reasons to believe that the number of entries will be increased.

## DISCUSS BILL FOR STATE ADVERTISING FUNDS

A proposed bill sponsored by the Michigan Real Estate Association, to secure \$200,000 annually from the state, to advertise Michigan's recreational resources. The proposed bill was discussed at a meeting called by John A. Doelle, secretary of the Real Estate Association at Lansing, Wednesday, December 29.

The bill will provide for the distribution of the funds as follows:

\$100,000 to be spent by a central committee to advertise the state as a whole, and \$100,000 to be divided equally among the organizations which are now advertising the state's recreational features and advantages.

Some dissatisfaction was manifested at the inclusion in the participating agencies of the newly formed so-called Southeastern Michigan Tourist and Publicity Bureau. This organization, it was shown was organized the day before the Lansing meeting.

Promoters of the new agency are H. Wm. Klare and J. Lee Barrett, officers of the Detroit Convention & Tourist Bureau. The new organization, according to statements made, will include approximately a dozen counties in southeastern Michigan. Among the counties listed with the tourist bureau are a half dozen which are already associated with the East Michigan Tourist Association through subscriptions from boards of supervisors and individual members.

The proposed bill will be submitted to the different organizations for approval.

## APPRECIATION

We wish to extend our sincere thanks to Grayling Lodge F. & A. M. 356, Rebekah Lodge, Mrs. Corwin and Grayling friends for their thoughtful messages and messages of cheer while Mrs. Schable was at University hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. George Schable.

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## PUBLIC UTILITY ISSUES

(By William McMahon, president New York Institute of Financial Research, Inc.)

One of the most desirable fields for investment at this time lies in public utility common and preferred stocks. Most of the important ones are making gradual, healthy progress.

Two supreme court decisions were recently handed down which prove reassuring in respect of values of all classes of utilities, namely, the rate cases of Consolidated Gas Co., of New York and of the Indianapolis Water Co. In the latter case, the point hinged upon difference of opinion between the company and the Indiana Public Service Commission as to the basis of valuing utility properties for rate making purposes.

In other words, what constitutes a fair return? The court held that a reasonable rate of return is not less than 7 per cent necessarily and went on to say that historical cost, past performances and other such elements are of little or no weight as compared with the probability that lie immediately ahead, one, two or even three years in the future.

This will enhance the value of utility stocks. Within the past six months many of the utility issues have made rather remarkable advances.

Brooklyn Union Gas has advanced 23 per cent in the past year.

Public Service of New Jersey has gained in market price of over 20 per cent and Consolidated Gas of New York of 17 per cent.

Notable gains also were made by Montana Power, Columbia Gas & Electric and Laclede Gas. These advances were not made on account of the rate decision.

Since this decision it is a well known matter of record that the advance attained still farther heights.

Of course it would be unwise to buy any stock at a time when it was hovering around its record high mark, but there are opportunities left for the investor who wants to get a good solid return on his money with a chance of appreciation. Such opportunities may be found in International Telephone & Telegraph, Cities Service, Standard Gas & Electric and many others.

The main thing in choosing such a security is the question of gradual increase of earnings, capital position, management, past record and general outlook.

## LET THE CHILDREN MAKE SILHOUETTES

A silhouette or outline portrait is very simple to draw and the drawing is an ideal pastime for a cold evening.

All that is necessary is a sheet of white paper to pin against the wall, a pencil and a light of some kind.

The one whose portrait is to be drawn sits between the light and the paper so that the shadow of her profile is thrown upon the screen.

The artist, urging his model to sit perfectly still, sketches the outline of the shadow with his pencil or crayon, and later cuts the silhouette out with knife or scissars.

There is no doubt that the way of the transgressor is hard, but it generally makes the way of the lawyers pretty easy.—Dayton News.

A policeman was excused from jury duty in San Antonio when he said he was a bootlegger. The rich always find a